Making AIDS a notifiable disease

2243. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of making AIDS a notifiable disease;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government are going to notify the disease as a notifiable disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) There are no plans.

SC on guidelines for MCI registration

2244. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has approved the norms for regulating the MCI registration;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines approved by the Supreme Court;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the private medical colleges are not following the guidelines issued by the MCI; and

(d) if so, the details of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court of India in a judgement dated 8.3.2002 in Civil Appeal No. 2779 of 2000 has approved certain guidelines with regard to grant of registration by Medical Council of India

(MCI) to Indian students with primary medical qualifications from an institute abroad. The details of the said guidelines are as follows:

(1) All persons who applied for registration to MCI prior to 15.3.2001 shall be granted registration by MCI as per the provisions of the Indian Medical Council (IMC) Act, 1956 as existing prior to the commencement of the IMC (Amendment) Act, 2001.

(2) All persons who are desirous of provisional or permanent registration with the MCI or any State Medical Councils on or after 15.3.2002 shall have to qualify the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, for this purpose.

(3) All persons who have been refused registration by the MCI on account of having studied in institutions with less than six years of medical course or where a part of their study has been in a unrecognized institution shall be granted registration provided the period of shortfall is covered by them by way of additional internship over and above the regular internship of one year.

(4) The students who did not meet minimum admission norms of MCI for joining undergraduate medical course in India shall be granted registration by MCI provided they were admitted to foreign institutions recognised by the MCI.

(5) The relaxation in the eligibility criteria provided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall also be applicable to the students who are required to qualify the Screening Test as per the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations, 2002.

(6) The categories of students who has undergone their entire period of study in medical institutions abroad, not recognised by MCI, and those not falling in the categories entitled for relaxation, shall be allowed to appear in the Screening Test for the purpose of registration provided they fulfil all the conditions laid down in the IMC (Amendment) Act, 2001 including all the eligibility requirements provided therein and that the qualifications obtained by them from abroad must be

recognised for enrolment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institutions awarding the same is situated.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are for the MCI to follow while granting registration to Indian students with foreign primary medical qualifications. The private medical colleges are not concerned with grant of registration to doctors.

Leakage of Medical papers

†2245. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of leakage of medical papers occurred during the last five years;

(b) the details of the persons arrested in each case and the punishment awarded to them; and

(c) the concrete step taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) On the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi are conducting All India Entrance Examinations on behalf of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to 15% seats of MBBS/BDS and 25% seats of MD/MS/MDS/PG Diploma courses in the Government Medical/Dental Colleges of States/Union Territories (except the States of Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir). As per available information, there has been no leakage of question papers for entrance examinations to these seats conducted by CBSE and AIIMS. However, prior to entrance examination for MD/MS/MDS/PG Diploma course for 2002 scheduled for 6.1.2002, there were some anonymous complaints. The

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